



Australian  
National  
University

BACHELOR  
DEGREE

# Bachelor of Political Science



**CRICOS code:** 086219C

**Duration:** 3 years

**Prerequisites:** none

**2027 Selection Rank:** 85; **IB:** 32



Politics & International Studies

**#1**

in Australia

#14 globally

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

The Bachelor of Political Science is the only degree of its type in Australia offering unparalleled access and connections to the corridors of Australian and international politics. The comparative nature of courses means you will develop an understanding of different systems of government, including the foundations of Australia's federal parliamentary system, using comparative methodology. The program places an emphasis on students developing their research and analytical skills, offering courses on political theory, empirical methods and specialised courses.

Students in this unique degree will examine:

- Political theory
- Public opinion and electoral behavior
- Political economy
- Governments and policies
- Systems of government and institutions
- Different methods of social science research

## Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Political Science at The Australian National University (ANU) will give you the knowledge, theoretical grounding and practical skills that underpin a successful career that engages with politics.

After completing the Bachelor of Political Science, you will graduate with a degree that is globally recognised and attractive to employers, with well-developed skills in research, critical and conceptual thinking and problem solving.

Graduates may find work in government, the public service, international organisations, non-government organisations such as aid and welfare groups, lobbying, consultancy and many other fields.

## Political Science at ANU

ANU is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia and 14<sup>th</sup> in the world in politics and international relations.<sup>1</sup> Our research is world-renowned, with ninety-six per cent of broad-field research at ANU rated above or well above world standard.<sup>2</sup>

Political Science can be studied in the Bachelor of Political Science, as a major in the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Policy Studies, or as a minor in any one of many ANU degrees. Courses in political science can be included in most undergraduate degrees at ANU and our commitment to research-led education means that you will be taught by some of the world's finest political scientists.

Studying in the national capital means you'll have access to a range of valuable resources unique to Canberra. ANU has many connections with the Australian Government and a range of non-government organisations. Canberra is home to the diplomatic community and members of embassies regularly visit ANU for events. Parliament House is only a short distance from the University, where you can witness politics first hand.

By choosing to study political science at ANU, you will receive a world-class education and an internationally recognised degree.

### Internships & study abroad opportunities

Internships offer a myriad of opportunities in Australia and abroad. From Canberra's embassies, Public Service, and Australian Parliament, to study tours. ANU is the only university with a Commonwealth Parliamentary internship program. ANU political science students have the opportunity to apply for an internship through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP), undertaking a research project for academic credit.

Moreover, you can complete part of your degree abroad attending courses at our partner universities.

### Flexible Double Degree

The Bachelor of Political Science can be combined with degrees in Arts, Business, Social Sciences, Sciences, or Law as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see [study.anu.edu.au/study-options/flexible-degree-options-anu](https://study.anu.edu.au/study-options/flexible-degree-options-anu)

### Honours

Bachelor of Political Science students can undertake an honours year within the programme. There are also many opportunities for postgraduate study including coursework and research at the Master Level.



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**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Political Science**

One thing I wasn't uncertain about when I finished high school was studying Political Science and choosing ANU was the perfect decision. I knew that the ANU had a great reputation for Political Science and I thought that being able to study what I love in our nation's capital would be a unique experience. My favourite part of studying Politics at ANU is the international opportunities that are available. I have completed the Washington Capitol Internship Program, where I spent two months interning in the United States Senate. I've always been fascinated with US politics, so being able to live and breathe it was a dream come true. In the future I hope to pursue postgraduate studies in Political Science. Beyond that, I'm not sure, but I know that studying at the ANU has prepared me for so many different options from working in an NGO to the private sector.

### Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for both international and domestic students. To find out if you are eligible see [study.anu.edu.au/scholarships](https://study.anu.edu.au/scholarships)

### Further information

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1. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

2. Australian Government Excellence in Research for Australia Report 2019